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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Conversation with Charles Johnson, Staff Director, House Post Office and Civil Service Committee, Re H. R. 770 (Daniels Bill)

1. I talked by phone today with Charles Johnson regarding the Daniels bill, which provides for liberalized benefits under the Civil Service retirement system (crediting unused sick leave to length of service for computing retirement annuities, and basing average salary on high three rather than high five years, etc.).

2. I told Johnson we were anxious to keep our Agency retirement benefits abreast of those provided by Civil Service, and asked for his view on the possibility of accomplishing this through an amendment to the present version of the Daniels bill. Johnson responded that the Subcommittee had considered the problem of other retirement systems, but was of the view that it should limit the present action to the Civil Service system. He indicated the Subcommittee consensus was that increased benefits under other retirement systems should be considered by the Subcommittees having primary jurisdiction over these agencies such as, in our case, the Armed Services Committee. He further commented that the Retirement Subcommittee had hammered out a clean bill only with some difficulty and now hoped for and expected the support of the Civil Service Commission and early passage. He indicated that any attempt to amend the bill might complicate their problem. He said he assumed we would have no difficulty in getting the support of our own Subcommittee of House Armed Services for parallel benefits for our own retirement system, and he would be glad to do anything he could in our behalf.

3. In fact, we had never been optimistic that we could keep pace with developments in the Civil Service retirement system through the Daniels bill, and we are continuing to explore other solutions. We hope to arrive at a recommended solution in the near future.

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